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HEREWITH FULL TEXT WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE WEDNESDAY, JUNE
15 HEADED "HILL STEPS INTO HUMAN RIGHTS DEBATE. BY SPENCER
RICH.

THE SENATE AND A HOUSE COMMITTEE DIPPED INTO THE COMPLEX
FOREIGN POLICY QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS YESTERDAY, WITH
SOME MEMBERS IN BOTH SIDES CALLING FOR ACTION MORE FORCEFUL
THAN PRESIDENT CARTER HAS PROPOSED.

THE SENATE, BEFORE PASSING A BILL AUTHORIZING DOLS 5.1
BILLION FOR NEW U.S. SUPPORT OF WORLD LENDING AGENCIES,
ADOPTED AN AMENDMENT BY BOB DOLE (R-KAN.) DIRECTING U.S.
REPRESENTATIVES ON THE MULTILENDING INSTITUTIONS TO VOTE
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AGAINST ANY AID TO VIETNAM, LAOS AND CAMBODIA. DOLE'S
AMENDMENT, WHICH THE ADMINISTRATION OPPOSED, ALSO PROVIDED
THAT IF SUCH AID WERE GRANTED OVER U.S. OBJECTIONS, THIS
NATION'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LENDING AGENCY WOULD BE

REDUCED BY A CORRESPONDING AMOUNT.

DOLE CITED THE 'EXTREMELY REPRESSIVE AND INHUMANITARIAN CHARACTER' OF THE THREE COUNTRIES BUT OPPONENTS CALLED THE MONEY-RECOVERY PROVISION UNWORKABLE. DOLE WON THE VOTE, NEVERTHELESS, 56 TO 32. A SIMILAR AMENDMENT WAS DEFEATED BY THE HOUSE IN APRIL.

EARLIER YESTERDAY, THE SENATE BEAT BACK BY 50 TO 43 A FAR BROADER AMENDMENT INSTRUCTING U.S. REPRESENTATIVES ON THE LENDING AGENCIES TO VOTE AUTOMATICALLY AGAINST ANY LOAN TO ANY NATION EXHIBITING A 'PATTERN OF GROSS VIOLATION' OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

THE AMENDMENT HAD ALREADY PASSED THE HOUSE EVEN THOUGH THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION CALLED IT TOO INFLEXIBLE TO ALLOW THE UNITED STATES ANY LEVERAGE IN INFLUENCING THE AFFECTED NATIONS.

WITH THE ADMINISTRATION'S CONCURRENCE, THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE VERSION OF THE BILL SIMPLY INSTRUCTED U.S. REPRESENTATIVES TO 'USE THE VOICE AND VOTE OF THE U.S. TO ENDEAVOR' TO HELP HUMAN RIGHTS.

IN THE HOUSE, MEANWHILE, THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORTED A DOLS 7 BILLION FOREIGN AID MONEY BILL FOR FISCAL 1978 BUT CUT OFF ALL MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ETHIOPIA, NICARAGUA AND URUGUAY BECAUSE 'THE COMMITTEE FEELS THAT THE CURRENT DEGREE OF INTERNAL REPRESSION PRACTICES BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF SOME NATIONS...WARRANTS THE TERMINATION OF SUCH AID.'

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IT ALSO VOTED TO BAR ANY AID TO UGANDA, CAMBODIA, LAOS OR VIETNAM AND TO REFUSE MILITARY CREDITS TO ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, EL SALVADOR AND GUATEMALA BECAUSE THOSE FOUR COUNTRIES SAID THEY DIDN'T WANT ANY HUMAN RIGHTS CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO AID. MILITARY AID TO THE PHILIPPINES WAS CUT, THOUGH NOT ABOLISHED, BECAUSE OF 'VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS.' THE COMMITTEE, IN ITS REPORT, EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER HUMAN RIGHTS IN PANAMA AND SAID IT WANTS AN EYE KEPT ON DEVELOPMENTS IN INDONESIA, HAITI, THAILAND, PARAGUAY AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, WITH A VIEW TOWARD FUTURE SANCTIONS.

IN SEVERAL CASES, SOME OF THE CUTS ALSO HAD BEEN SOUGHT BY THE ADMINISTRATION, COMMITTEE AIDES SAID.

DURING THE SENATE DEBATE ON THE MULTINATIONAL LENDING AGENCIES, HUBERT H. HUMPHREY (D-MINN) DECLARED THAT THE LANGUAGE OF THE RIGHTS AMENDMENT, SPONSORED BY MARK O.

HATFIELD (R-ORE.) AND JAMES ABOUREZK (D-S.D.) WAS
CONSIDERED TOO 'RIGID' BY CARTER AND THUS WOULD BE OF
LESS REAL USE THAN THE SOFTER SENATE COMMITTEE LANGUAGE.

ABOUREZK SNAPPED BACK, 'I DON'T SUBSCRIBE TO THE THEORY
WE'RE PUTTING ANYONE IN CHAINS (WITH THIS AMENDMENT);
WHAT WE'RE ESSENTIALLY TRYING TO DO IS TO GET THEM OUT.'

HATFIELD CHARGED THE PRESIDENT WITH TALKING ABOUT HUMAN
RIGHTS BUT SAID 'THIS SAME PRESIDENT HAS BEEN VERY
SELECTIVE' IN HIS PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS OF THE HUMAN
RIGHTS DOCTRINE. LATER, AN EVEN STRONGER AUTOMATIC
CUTOFF SPONSORED BY ORRIN G. HATCH (R-UTAH) LOST, 58 TO 34.

APPROVED LAST NIGHT WAS A RICHARD S. SCHWEIKER (R-PA.)
AMENDMENT LIMITING U.S. PARTICIPATION IN ANY MULTILENDING
AGENCY TO 25 PER CENT OF ITS TOTAL, APPLICABLE TO FUTURE
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CONTRIBUTIONS BUT NOT TO THOSE IN THE CURRENT BILL.

THE AMENDMENTS INVOLVE LOANS BY MULTINATIONAL AGENCIES
LIKE THE WORLD BANK, INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION,
INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK
AND AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND." CHRISTOPHER

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